

Thames South School

Newsletter - Term 2 Week 10, 2017



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From the Principal

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

Wow, what an amazing term! We have participated in some wonderful experiences during this term, aside from fabulous learning, we have been involved in community projects, school competitions, gym fest, Matariki Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in some way to help make our students' school days so successful - we couldn't do it without you!

Please join us tomorrow at 2.15 p.m. in the school hall for our final term assembly to celebrate the term. After assembly students will receive their Duffy Books and then be released for the holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge staff members who are changing roles or leaving Thames South School. Whaea Natalie (leaving), Whaea Kathy (changing her role in school) and Whaea Lyn Batters (retiring) - we are going to miss you all but know you will always be part of the heart of our school.

Have a great break Whanau. See you all back on Monday 24th July for a start to another amazing, eventful term!

Whaea Jeannie

Girls' Self Defence Project

During the first week of Term 3 Years' 3 & 4 and Years 7 & 8 girls will be participating in a Girls' Self Defence Project course run by the Womens Self Defence Network - Wahine Toa, jointly funded by the Ministry of Social Development and ACC. A letter outlining the programme was sent home with all students earlier this week, on Tuesday 4th July.

Proud of our Kids Moment!

Over the last 2 weekends our Yr 6 and Yr 5 girls have taken part in two Rep Tournaments, one in Thames and the last one in Hauraki. These girls have played against Yr 6 Rep teams from Hamilton, Waihi, Putaruru, Matamata.

As a School team it was a great experience for our girls playing against Representative Teams. The girls played well and even though they didn't win the comp they were voted by other teams and umpires as having the best Sportsmanship for all of the Yr 6 teams there.

TSST NEWS

TSS Disco - Friday 4 August!!

First meeting - Tuesday 25 July, week 1 at 3:30 pm in the staffroom.

This is for 2 fundraisers - one to support our Hip Hop Competitive Crew who have made it through to the Hamilton finals, and a TSST fundraiser.

Possible times will be: Juniors - 5-6:30 pm and Seniors - 7 pm

We need a variety of helpers to support this initiative: food seller, door person, glowstick seller.

Great fundraiser supported by parents and teachers.

Pros & Cons - 1080 letter

Dear Scott Simpson, Member of Parliament,

1080 kills so that it can help us protect our native birds and plants. It only kills about 4-6 native birds a drop, which is a small amount compared to what rats and possums kill.

Second of all 1080 is only made out of salt, vinegar and some meat which is compacted into pellets. Thousands of our native animals are dying because we brought the predators to New Zealand. Now it is time to take them out to help our native birds!

Lastly, but not least, kiwi's don't eat green pellets in the woods or forests. The Department of Conservation are working on protecting our native birds by using green pellets of 1080 to kill pests.

Help us bring them back PLEASE.

Yours sincerely

Pananui Wi

Dear Scott Simpson, Member of Parliament,

I strongly believe that 1080 should be dropped.

1080 is a type of poison that is good for our environment and is dropped by Department of Conservation (DOC) helicopters into our forests. When 1080 drops into the forests, possums and other pests will eat it and die.

1080 doesn't kill kiwis, it helps kiwis and other birds and kills the pests. Did you know that there are only 400 kiwis left on this planet? Not just kiwis are endangered, there's only 200 - 400 orange-fronted parakeets left. Kiwis can't fight by themselves until they're 4 years or older.

DOC puts out lines of 10 or 20 traps in the forest and if there are more than 10 they 1080 that place then leave it for awhile and put signs out so you know not to walk in there.

Did you know that if you mix salt, white vinegar and tea bags together you will make 1080? So when you eat salt and vinegar chips, or drink a cup of tea you're eating or drinking 1080. It is harmless in small amounts. It occurs naturally in plants. It won't kill you because it is not that much, so hopefully you're not giving salt and vinegar or tea bags to your pets.

In conclusion I am saying please drop 1080 to kill the introduced pests that are killing our native birds.

Yours sincerely

Astrid Bithell

Transition Town Thames (T3) news

Transition Town Thames (T3) would like to invite Thames South School to participate in an adobe (mudbrick) building experience. We are very excited to start building the new Community Garden at the Hauraki Terrace Reserve and we would like you to join us in making this happen. Where: Hauraki Terrace Reserve. When: Saturday 8th July noon for shared lunch- all welcome- and from 1 onwards we will start adobe building.

What to bring: Just come along! If you have some gardening gloves they will come in useful, and we will use round-nosed trowels for making mud bricks.

No experience necessary, there will be people there to show how it is done.

For any other information contact samantha on samanthabrightsmile@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thames Centennial Pool - New Enrolments for Learn to swim.

The Thames pool Will be Closed for the rest of the week due to heating issues so we will not be taking New Assessments. We will be open for new Assessments/enrolments Monday 10th July - Friday 14th July 3pm -430pm.

Thames School of Mines Winter Programme - The Thames School of Mines and Rock Shop will be open every day, except statutory holidays, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. during the school holidays.

Accompanied children have free entry for both the Museum and guided tours of the historic School of Mines buildings, and of course entry to the Rock Shop is also free. For unaccompanied children/students there is a \$5 fee that covers both the Museum and school buildings tour.

Gold Prospecting: gold panning training will be available Saturday 15th and 22nd and also Sunday 9th, 16th and 23rd July in the historic battery room right next to our rock shop. Sessions on these days will run from 10 a.m. All costs are included in the purchase of your \$10 bonanza bag. While panning, children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. We don't guarantee you will find gold, but the chances are extremely high as your bonanza bag has been "salted."

Parawai School Golden Jubilee - We warmly invite all past pupils, staff, BOT, PTA and parents to join us in celebrating 50 years of education at Parawai Primary School on Friday 27th October and Saturday 28th October 2017. For a registration form or more information please phone 07 8688117 or email administration@parawai.school.nz

The parenting show with Pio - A free community evening for parents and caregivers. Building awesome whaanau with Pio Terei, presentation includes:

- solid foundations are made up of love and values
- develop a positive atmosphere in the house
- give kids confidence and resilience to problem solve

Save the date: Thursday 17th August, 7 p.m. in the Thames High School Hall, Sealey street, Thames. Children's programme available. More information: theparentingplace.com

School Holiday Programme, Kids Musical Theatre Workshop

Work with Emily Bisset, co-director of the very successful production of Disney Beauty and The Beast. Learn principles of musical theatre then have a showing to friends & family

- Ages 7-14
- Dates 17-22 July
- 4 half days + showing of work
- 1pm-4pm (3 hours) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday- 15 minute break for afternoon tea
- Showing of work 2pm Saturday
- Location Thames Music And Drama rooms at Tararu Cultural Centre
- Cost \$60

Register today at bissette@windowslive.com with your name, age and contact number

Tennis Coaching Holiday Programme, with Shannon Paki, professional tennis coach.

Wednesday & Friday (12th - 14th July) from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

1 - 130 p.m. beginners, 7 yrs & under - \$5 per session

1.30 - 2.30 p.m., 7 - 10 years - \$10 per session

2.30 - 4 p.m., 11 years & older - \$15 per session

please bring: tennis racquet, water & sports shoes suitable for tennis. Note: racquets available on the day if you don't have one. Register with Shannon (registration is essential as limited numbers)

Mobile: 021 0225 3308 or home phone: 07 868 9212 or email: shannonpaki@gmail.com

Needed - parent helpers to work with Whaea Sue Clarke on an art project every Friday in Term 3. Helping to paint and supervise painters. Names to the school office please.



There will be **NO** Lunch Orders this week

Some Term 2 memories

